Celery . . .	1990-91	3600	3199	4.14
	1991-92	3600	3439	5.85
	1992-93/(P)	NA	3138	4.67
Garlic . . .	1989-90	332700	2211	1.77
	1990-91	350400	4023	2.57
	1991-92	356300	10282	8.28
	1992-93(P)	NA	7483	7.00

(P) Provisional.

SOURCE : Spices Board

Target in Coal Imports

4321. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKARDAVE :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that coal imports or likely imports in the next five years would be around 10 million tonnes of various varieties and grades of coal annually ;

(b) if so, whether this imported coal would be cheaper as compared to local coal due to reduction of import duty from 85 per cent to 35 per cent ;

(c) if so, the details of the price of imported coal and local coal of similar varieties and grades ;

(d) whether CIL is considering flexible price regime of coal and if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(e) the figures of the coal production during the last three years with profits and losses of CIL ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) In view of the free importability of coal under the current Export and Import Policy, its likely import in terms of quantity, varieties and grades cannot be estimated. Currently, low ash coking coal on which duty has not been reduced is being imported for blending purposes by the Steel Plants to meet their requirements as it indigenous production is not adequate. The effect of reduction of Customs Duty on coal in general shall be known only in due course of time. The data of prices of imported coal and local coal of similar varieties and grades has not been maintained.

(d) Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, have in their interim policy recommendations suggested decontrol of prices of coking coal and some grades of non-coking coal.

(e) Figures of coal production and profits by the Coal India Ltd. in the last three years are given below :—

Year	Coal production in CIL (in Million Tonnes)	Profit (in Rs. crores)
1991-92	204.14	(+) 167.07
1992-93 .	211.22	(+) 291.27
1993 94 . (Provisional)	216.09	*

* In 1993-94 also Coal India Ltd. is likely to make profit but audited figures are not yet available.

US Insistence on Social Clause in Geneva Talks

4322. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that United States have lately been insistent on inclusion of a Social clause in the Geneva Talks of Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) especially that relating to environment, human rights, cheap labour and child labour :

(b) if so, what is the precise plea of the U.S. ; and

(c) what stand has been taken by India in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The U.S. and some European countries raised the issue of the consideration of the link between international trade and internationally recoganized labour standards (the so-called social clause) in the last phase of discussions at Geneva prior to the Ministerial meeting at Marrakesh. The US request was that the Ministers at Marrakesh should endorse the inclusion of the consideration of the link between trade and labour standards in the agenda of the WTO. India, alongwith a number of other countries opposed this proposal, and the Marrakesh declaration contains no reference to it. However, it will be possible for interested delegations to raise issues of concern to them in the Preparatory Committee of the WTO. All decisions in the WTO are to be by consensus.

Trilateral Trading Bloc

4323. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal in the offing for constituting a trilateral trading bloc with India, Iran and CIS as its members ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the present status of the annual trade between India and these countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) A statement providing the figures for India's trade with CIS countries and with Iran for the period April—December, 1993 is enclosed.

Statement

India's trade with CIS and Iran—April-December' 93

(Value in Rs. lakh)

Country	Export	Import
Armenia	1.16	18.96
Azerbaijan	12.10	0.57
Belarus	165.58	29.28
Georgia	5.01	0.05
Kazakhstan	319.67	334.03
Kyrghystan	27.74	2387.96
Moldova	45.82	—
Russia	134467.58	56204.26
Tajkistan	207.92	234.24
Turkemenistan	472.94	415.90
Ukraine	29018.74	21728.54
Uzbekistan	410.79	327.15
CIS countries TOTAL :	165155.05	81680.94
Iran	35300.89	82542.45

SOURCE : DGCI & S

कोयले का निर्यात

4324. श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्ष-वार कितनी मात्रा में कोयले का निर्यात किया गया;

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई;

(ग) क्या और अधिक विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित करने हेतु कोयले के निर्यात को बढ़ाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी) : (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान निर्यात किए गए कोयले की कुल मात्रा तथा मूल्य निम्नानुसार है :—

(मात्रा : लाख टनों में
मूल्य : करोड़ रु० में)

वर्ष	मात्रा	मूल्य
1991-92	1.35	15.04
1992-93	4.96	51.00
1993-94 (अप्रैल-दिसम्बर)	2.74	33.35

स्रोत : डी०जी०सी०आई०एस०

(ग) और (घ) कोयले के निर्यात पर से सभी प्रतिबंधों को 1-4-1993 से हटा लिया गया है ।